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PART III

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND LAW

SECTION 7. LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Overview

TABLE 7.1. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAMME

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
I. Policy-making							
1. International Law Commission	1 190.4	1 965.8	175.9	8.9	2 141.7	111.4	2 253.1
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	324.4	390.3	(43.1)	(11.0)	347.2	20.2	367.4
3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)	593.2	784.2	247.5	31.5	1 031.7	79.6	1 111.3
4. Other commissions and conferences:							
(a) Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)	630.6	630.6	(630.6)	(100.0)	-	-	-
(b) Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	192.0	192.0	(192.0)	(100.0)	-	-	-
Subtotal	**2 930.6**	**3 962.9**	**(442.3)**	**(11.1)**	**3 520.6**	**211.2**	**3 731.8**
II. Programme of work							
A. International law							
1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services	2 696.1	3 377.5	114.9	3.4	3 492.4	373.9	3 866.3
2. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	4 672.8	5 985.6	(454.0)	(7.5)	5 531.6	542.0	6 073.6
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	3 135.9	3 889.0	(116.4)	(2.9)	3 772.6	414.1	4 186.7
4. General legal services to United Nations organs and programmes	2 171.0	2 838.0	234.3	8.2	3 072.3	333.9	3 406.2
5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	2 094.8	2 851.5	31.0	1.0	2 882.5	289.7	3 172.2

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	Biennialized base	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1994-1995 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
B. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	6 454.4	8 437.4	42.7	0.5	8 480.1	1 380.8	9 860.9
Subtotal	**21 225.0**	**27 379.0**	**(147.5)**	**(0.5)**	**27 231.5**	**3 334.4**	**30 565.9**
Total	**24 155.6**	**31 341.9**	**(589.8)**	**(1.8)**	**30 752.1**	**3 545.6**	**34 297.7**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	Source of funds	1994-1995 estimated expenditures
	(a) Services in support of:	
2 887.4	(i) Administrative structures	2 921.3
211.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes Peace-keeping operations	211.8
Total *(a)* **3 099.2**		**3 133.1**
	(b) Substantive activities	
	United Nations Commission on International	
190.0	Trade Law symposia	195.0
105.0	Trust Fund for Seminar on International Law	-
	Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law -	
42.0	The Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship	42.0
	Trust Fund for Special Aspects of the Implementation	
13.6	of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	-
	Trust Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Participating in the United Nations Conference on	
27.3	Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	-
	Trust Fund for the Commission of Experts established	
131.0	pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)	-
Total *(b)* **508.9**		**237.0**
	(c) Operational projects	
186.0	Bilateral source	186.0
Total *(c)* **186.0**		**186.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **3 794.1**		**3 556.1**
	Total costs	**37 853.8**

TABLE 7.2. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	18 060.7	23 400.6	(29.6)	(0.1)	23 371.0	3 000.9	26 371.9
Consultants and experts	736.7	829.9	(329.4)	(39.6)	500.5	36.0	536.5
Travel on official business	1 476.2	2 537.9	135.5	5.3	2 673.4	164.6	2 838.0
Contractual services	2 615.1	2 925.6	(645.4)	(22.0)	2 280.2	145.0	2 425.2
General operating expenses	856.6	1 075.9	(80.6)	(7.4)	995.3	95.2	1 090.5
Supplies and materials	33.7	66.3	21.2	31.9	87.5	19.8	107.3
Furniture and equipment	132.2	181.8	338.5	186.1	520.3	59.9	580.2
Fellowships, grants, contributions	244.4	323.9	-	-	323.9	24.2	348.1
Total	**24 155.6**	**31 341.9**	**(589.8)**	**(1.8)**	**30 752.1**	**3 545.6**	**34 297.7**

TABLE 7.3. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of Legal Affairs

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	3	3	-	-	1	1	4	4
D-1	10	10	-	-	1	1	11	11
P-5	18	19	-	-	3	3	21	22
P-4	18	16	-	-	2	2	20	18
P-3	17	18	-	-	5	5	22	23
P-2/1	15	16	-	-	2	2	17	18
Total	**82**	**83**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**	**96**	**97**
General Service category								
Principal level	6	7	-	-	-	-	6	7
Other levels	58	58	-	-	7	7	65	65
Total	**64**	**65**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**7**	**71**	**72**
Other categories								
Local level	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
Total	**13**	**13**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13**	**13**
Grand total	**159**	**161**	**-**	**-**	**21**	**21**	**180**	**182**

Overview

7.1 The activities to be carried out under this section fall under the framework of programme 9, International law, and programme 10, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, which comprise major programme II, Implementation, codification and progressive development of international law, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1). This section of the proposed programme budget consists of former section 9, Legal activities, and section 10, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, of the initial programme budget.

7.2 Programme 9, International law, aims at providing legal advice and services in operational matters to United Nations organs, bodies and Secretariat units. Such advice and services relate to the execution of tasks in the area of international law specifically entrusted to the Organization in Articles 13 and 102 of the Charter or pursuant to decisions of United Nations organs, including the Secretary-General's duties with respect to international agreements, the progressive development and codification of international law and the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade. Subprogramme 1, Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole, is designated high priority.

7.3 Programme 10, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, aims at responding to the needs of Member States in dealing with the legal, political, economic, scientific, technical and environmental aspects of the law of the sea and marine affairs. It also supports marine-related activities of organizations within the United Nations system and cooperates in the promotion of a concerted approach by the United Nations system towards the full achievement of benefits by States under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

7.4 The main intergovernmental body that provides overall direction to the work of the Secretariat is the General Assembly, in particular its Sixth Committee. It is assisted in this regard by UNCITRAL and the International Law Commission.

7.5 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the major programme in 1994-1995 would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
	(percentage)	
I. Policy-making organs	10.9	7.5
II. Programme of work		
A. International law	60.4	91.3
B. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	28.7	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0

7.6 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget (percentage)	*Extrabudgetary*
Programme A.	International law		
Subprogramme 1.	Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole	12.6	38.3
Subprogramme 2.	Custody, registration and publication of treaties	19.9	-
Subprogramme 3.	Progressive development and codification of international law	13.7	-
Subprogramme 4.	General legal services to United Nations organs and programmes	11.1	48.8
Subprogramme 5.	Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	10.4	11.6
Programme B.	Law of the sea and ocean affairs		
Subprogramme 1.	Promoting uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and providing advice and information to States	11.6	1.3
Subprogramme 2.	Assisting marine policy development and integrated ocean management by States in the context of the comprehensive ocean regime	7.7	-
Subprogramme 3.	Support to organizations within the United Nations system and harmonization of marine affairs activities in the context of the Convention	2.6	-
Subprogramme 4.	Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and support to the future Authority and Tribunal	6.5	-
Subprogramme 5.	Servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf established by the Convention and other intergovernmental bodies, and execution of additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention	3.9	-
	Total	100.0	100.0

I. Policy-making organs

1. INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

TABLE 7.4. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel on official business	677.9	1 356.5	205.6	15.1	1 562.1	84.7	1 646.8
Contractual services	512.5	609.3	(29.7)	(4.8)	579.6	26.7	606.3
Total	**1 190.4**	**1 965.8**	**175.9**	**8.9**	**2 141.7**	**111.4**	**2 253.1**

7.7 In implementation of Article 13, paragraph 1 *(a)*, of the Charter of the United Nations, the General Assembly, by its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947, established the International Law Commission and approved its statute. The Commission consists of 34 members of recognized competence in international law. Its function is the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification. The Commission meets annually for 12 weeks and reports to the Assembly, which provides guidance to it on its programme of work. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs provides substantive servicing to the Commission.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel on official business

7.8 The estimated requirements of $1,562,100, reflecting an increase of $205,600 based on current rates for airfare and daily subsistence allowance, relate to travel of the Chairman and members of the Commission ($1,358,500) and of the Legal Counsel and five staff members of the Codification Division to service the meetings of the Commission in Geneva ($203,600). The provision for members of the Commission would cover the costs of *(a)* attendance by the Chairman and 32 members (one member is located at Geneva) at the annual 12-week session at Geneva; *(b)* attendance by the Chairman at the regular sessions of the General Assembly during consideration of the Commission's reports; and *(c)* attendance by the Chairman or another representative of the Commission at the sessions of the four regional legal intergovernmental bodies (2 weeks each) with which the Commission, pursuant to its statute, has established cooperative links.

Contractual services

7.9 The provisions of $579,600 relate to the external printing costs of four volumes of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, two in 1993 and two in 1994 and 1995 ($347,600); and honoraria of the Chairman and 32 members of the Commission (one member is excluded by national legislation), and additional amounts payable to 6 special rapporteurs, at the rates set by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980 ($232,000). The negative growth of $29,700 reflects the across-the-board reduction in external printing.

2. UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

TABLE 7.5. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel on official business	71.4	136.4	7.6	5.5	144.0	8.5	152.5
Contractual services	253.0	253.9	(50.7)	(19.9)	203.2	11.7	214.9
Total	**324.4**	**390.3**	**(43.1)**	**(11.0)**	**347.2**	**20.2**	**367.4**

7.10 UNCITRAL, consisting of 36 Member States, is charged by the General Assembly in its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 with the development of the progressive unification and harmonization of international trade law, which corresponds to subprogramme 5. The Commission carries out its tasks with the assistance of the International Trade Law Branch as its secretariat in annual meetings of from three to four weeks (sometimes up to six weeks), and in working group meetings on specialized topics of up to a total of 12 weeks annually.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel on official business

7.11 The estimated requirements of $144,000 relate to attendance by the Chairman of UNCITRAL at meetings of the Sixth Committee during its consideration of the Commission's report ($10,500) and travel of staff from Vienna to provide substantive and technical service to one session of UNCITRAL in New York and to working groups outside Vienna, and to assist in servicing the Sixth Committee ($133,500).

Contractual services

7.12 Provisions of $203,200 relate to external printing costs of the UNCITRAL *Yearbook* (vols. XXIV and XXV), printing of the legal texts adopted by the Commission and of explanatory material on those texts, and the reprinting of previously published texts. The negative growth of $50,700 reflects non-recurrent provisions for 1992-1993, in addition to the 5 per cent across-the-board reduction for external printing provisions.

3. UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (INCLUDING ITS SECRETARIAT)

TABLE 7.6. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	286.4	364.2	108.8	29.8	473.0	44.4	517.4
Travel on official business	198.1	288.5	170.1	58.9	458.6	31.3	489.9
Contractual services	100.2	121.6	(37.0)	(30.4)	84.6	2.8	87.4
General operating expenses	7.9	9.1	1.4	15.3	10.5	0.7	11.2
Supplies and materials	0.6	0.8	-	-	0.8	0.2	1.0
Furniture and equipment	-	-	4.2	-	4.2	0.2	4.4
Total, regular budget	**593.2**	**784.2**	**247.5**	**31.5**	**1 031.7**	**79.6**	**1 111.3**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
265.4	*(a)* Services in support of: (i) Administrative structures	265.4
-	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-
265.4	**Total *(a)***	**265.4**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
-	**Total *(b)***	-
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
-	**Total *(c)***	-
265.4	**Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)***	**265.4**
	Total costs	**1 376.7**

TABLE 7.7. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Secretariat of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Total	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
General Service category								
Other levels	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
Total	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
Grand total	2	2	-	-	2	2	4	4

7.13 The United Nations Administrative Tribunal is the independent organ competent to hear and pass judgement upon applications alleging non-observance of contracts of employment of staff members of the United Nations Secretariat or of their terms of appointment. It was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949. The Tribunal is composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State, who are appointed by the General Assembly initially for three years and may be reappointed. The competence of the Tribunal extends to the secretariats of the associated programmes financed from voluntary contributions.

7.14 Under article 14 of its Statute, the competence of the Tribunal has also been extended to IMO, ICAO and UNRWA.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Expert bodies and related preparatory work: substantive and technical servicing of four or more sessions of the Administrative Tribunal, including preparation of draft summaries of facts and contentions of parties for judgements to be rendered by the Tribunal; analysis and research of documentation relevant to cases on appeal to it; consultations with administrations of subsidiary organs of the United Nations, the secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and the administrations of the specialized agencies subject to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal; and conducting the external relations of the Tribunal, including its relations with the secretariat of ILO.

2. Published material

Two volumes of recurrent publications: volumes X and XI of the *Judgements of the Administrative Tribunal*, each in English and in French.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.15 The estimated amount of $473,000 would provide for the continuation of one P-5 and one General Service post ($309,200); for temporary assistance on a non-recurrent basis relating to the preparation of case material for Tribunal sessions and editing of judgements rendered, preparation of two volumes of the *United Nations Administrative Tribunal*

Judgements, and the updating of the computerized index of the Administrative Tribunals of the United Nations and ILO case law ($161,800); and for overtime ($2,000). The net increase of $108,800 reflects non-recurrent provisions under general temporary assistance.

Travel on official business

7.16 The provision of $458,600, reflecting growth of $170,100, relates to attendance by seven members of the Administrative Tribunal at two sessions to be held in New York and two at Geneva for a total of 11 weeks per year as compared to 10 weeks in the current biennium ($381,500); and to travel of four staff members to service the two meetings at Geneva ($77,100). The additional session each year is necessary to cope with the increase in the number of cases that are heard by the Tribunal.

Contractual services

7.17 The resources requested of $84,600 would provide for the cost of external printing of volumes X and XI in English and French of the *Judgements of the Administrative Tribunal* ($27,800); for payment of honoraria to members of the Tribunal at the rates set by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 ($46,000); and for database acquisition and rental, and usage fees for the computerized index of case law of the Administrative Tribunals of the United Nations and ILO by LEXIS ($10,800). The negative growth of $37,000 is a net reduction that includes the lapsing of non-recurrent provisions in 1992-1993, as well as the across-the-board reduction in external printing.

General operating expenses

7.18 The estimated requirements of $10,500 relate to office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

7.19 The requested amount of $4,200 would provide for acquisition of office automation equipment.

4. OTHER COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

7.20 In the current biennium, non-recurrent provisions were made for activities for which no provision is being sought at the present time, namely, the Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992), and the Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (see table 7.1).

II. Programme of work

A. International law

Overview

7.21 Programme 9, International law, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1) covers both the provision of legal services necessary for carrying out the activities of the Organization and assistance to United Nations bodies dealing with the progressive development, codification and harmonization of international law.

7.22 The Office of Legal Affairs is responsible for implementing the programme and provides the necessary legal services to Headquarters units, the regional offices, field operations and United Nations organs and bodies, including UNDP and UNICEF. The Office also protects the interests, privileges and immunities of the Organization by representing it, as it deems appropriate, in forums in which such questions may arise. The Legal Counsel represents the Secretary-General before the International Court of Justice and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

7.23 Legal work relating to the progressive development, codification and harmonization of international law entails servicing the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly, the International Law Commission, the codification conferences and UNCITRAL.

7.24 Emphasis will be placed on the provision of services to political, peace-keeping and peacemaking activities, in view of the increased role of the Organization in these areas. With respect to the Organization's responsibility for the custody, registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, efforts are continuing to computerize operations to the extent possible to provide Member States with on-line access to treaty information.

1. OVERALL DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF LEGAL ADVICE AND SERVICES TO THE UNITED NATIONS AS A WHOLE

TABLE 7.8. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	2 443.4	3 060.9	233.3	7.6	3 294.2	356.9	3 651.1
Consultants and experts	101.3	115.9	(115.9)	(100.0)	-	-	-
Travel on official business	31.8	37.0	14.5	39.1	51.5	3.7	55.2
Contractual services	54.9	55.0	(6.3)	(11.4)	48.7	3.7	52.4
General operating expenses	34.7	68.7	(14.2)	(20.6)	54.5	6.2	60.7
Supplies and materials	5.7	9.5	(1.7)	(17.8)	7.8	0.6	8.4
Furniture and equipment	24.3	30.5	5.2	17.0	35.7	2.8	38.5
Total, regular budget	**2 696.1**	**3 377.5**	**114.9**	**3.4**	**3 492.4**	**373.9**	**3 866.3**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
1 047.4	(i) Administrative structures	1 047.4
211.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes Peace-keeping operations	211.8
Total *(a)* **1 259.2**		**1 259.2**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* -		-
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(c)* -		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **1 259.2**		**1 259.2**
	Total costs	**5 125.5**

TABLE 7.9. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of the Legal Counsel

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	2	3	-	-	1	1	3	4
P-4	3	1	-	-	2	2	5	3
P-3	1	2	-	-	2	2	3	4
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**10**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**	**16**	**16**
General Service category								
Principal level	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other levels	10	9	-	-	2	2	12	11
Total	**10**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**2**	**12**	**12**
Grand total	**20**	**20**	**-**	**-**	**8**	**8**	**28**	**28**

Subprogramme 1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole

7.25 The principal focus of the subprogramme will be placed on legal input directly related to the peace-keeping operations and political activities of the Organization, including several initiatives relating to commissions created by Security Council resolutions, good offices missions of the Secretary-General and questions relating to Chapter VII of the Charter.

7.26 Responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme rests with the Office of the Legal Counsel, which provides overall direction, supervision and management of all legal activities under this programme budget section. It also provides services in connection with personnel administration, financial administration and resource planning, and use of common services to support the implementation of the work programme.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices, fact-finding, emergency and humanitarian relief services, and legal services: provision of advice and assistance on the legal aspects of political, peace-keeping and humanitarian missions, including participation in negotiations conducted by the Secretary-General or his special representatives; legal research and analysis of legal issues involved; and provision of written or oral opinions to Secretariat units, field units, missions and peace-keeping missions;

(b) General legal advice and services: legal research and analysis, and oral and written legal opinions and statements by the Legal Counsel and his immediate staff upon the request of the Secretary-General and units of the Secretariat or other organs of the United Nations; representation of the Secretary-General by the Legal Counsel in judicial or arbitral proceedings; liaison with the International Court of Justice and discharging the legal responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Statute of the Court; formal legal opinions, legal advice, negotiation of agreements with host countries and settlement of disputes in connection with the implementation, development and protection of the privileges and immunities

of the Organization as an entity, officials and experts of the United Nations and representatives of Member States; and replies to legal questions received from Governments, organizations and the general public.

2. Parliamentary services

Substantive services: legal advice and services to intergovernmental bodies and conferences convened by the United Nations; preparation of drafts and review of the rules of procedure of organs of the United Nations and of conferences convened by the United Nations; substantive servicing of meetings of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly, meetings of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and two to four sessions of the Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements; and provision of legal services with respect to cases before the Committee.

*3. Published material***

Four volumes of recurrent publications: *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, Supplement No. 5* (vol. IV) and *Supplement No. 6* (vols. I,* IV and V).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.27 The estimated requirements of $3,294,200, reflecting a growth of $233,300, would provide for the continuation of 10 Professional and above and 20 General Service posts; for general temporary assistance ($250,900) and for overtime costs ($15,900). The proposed reclassification of the post of Executive Officer (from P-4 to P-5), of the Administrative Officer (from P-4 to P-3) and of the Legal Assistant (from Other level to Principal level) appropriately reflects the actual responsibilities attached to the posts. Temporary assistance provisions, including growth on a non-recurrent basis ($200,000), would meet the needs of the Office of the Legal Counsel during the biennium in dealing with matters relating to peace-keeping questions, issues arising from Security Council resolutions, as well as from General Assembly affairs; and the needs of the Department as a whole for temporary replacement of staff on extended sick leave or maternity leave, and for additional staff during peak workload periods. Overtime requirements arise primarily in connection with the provision of legal services for political and peace-keeping missions and for the good offices of the Secretary-General.

Travel on official business

7.28 The resources requested ($51,500) relate to travel of the Legal Counsel and other senior legal officers undertaken at the request of the Secretary-General, for consultations with the regional commissions, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, and in connection with peace-keeping missions and United Nations meetings held away from Headquarters.

Contractual services

7.29 The estimated requirements of $48,700 would meet the costs of printing the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, Supplement No. 5* (vol. IV) and *Supplement No. 6* (vols. I, IV and V).

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

General operating expenses

7.30 The estimate of $54,500 would meet the cost of communications requirements ($18,400), official functions ($5,800) and the maintenance of office automation equipment ($30,300).

Supplies and materials

7.31 The amount of $7,800 would cover the cost of data-processing supplies.

Furniture and equipment

7.32 The estimate of $35,700 relates to acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment and computer software.

2. CUSTODY, REGISTRATION AND PUBLICATION OF TREATIES

TABLE 7.10. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	3 226.4	4 334.9	(10.0)	(0.2)	4 324.9	453.3	4 778.2
Consultants and experts	-	-	54.0	-	54.0	2.3	56.3
Contractual services	1 360.8	1 539.6	(562.2)	(36.5)	977.4	73.9	1 051.3
General operating expenses	56.2	63.4	34.7	54.7	98.1	6.7	104.8
Supplies and materials	4.4	9.1	14.5	159.3	23.6	1.5	25.1
Furniture and equipment	25.0	38.6	15.0	38.8	53.6	4.3	57.9
Total	**4 672.8**	**5 985.6**	**(454.0)**	**(7.5)**	**5 531.6**	**542.0**	**6 073.6**

TABLE 7.11. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Treaty Section

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-2/1	3	4	-	-	-	-	3	4
Total	**9**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Other levels	14	15	-	-	-	-	14	15
Total	**20**	**21**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**20**	**21**
Grand total	**29**	**31**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**29**	**31**

Subprogramme 2. Custody, registration and publication of treaties

7.33 The three principal activities under the subprogramme, namely, the depositary functions of the Secretary-General, registration of international treaties and agreements and publication of the United Nations *Treaty Series* and its *Cumulative Index*, are ongoing activities. In addition, legal advice and assistance in treaty matters are provided to Member States and international organizations as required.

7.34 During 1994-1995, the Treaty Section will make available on CD-ROM the automated superindex of treaties registered with the secretariat under Article 102 of the Charter. The database encompasses data on all material registered, whether published or not, in the United Nations *Treaty Series*. In addition, the computerization of the contents of the publication *Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary-General* continues and it is updated on a daily basis. It is anticipated that it will be ready for on-line access by Member States and other users in 1994-1995.

7.35 An analysis of the feasibility and cost of making available through on-line access contents of the entire United Nations *Treaty Series*, as well as the material registered but not yet published, has been carried out. Subject to approval by the General Assembly, the Treaty Section will implement the programme in 1994-1995.

Activities

1. *International cooperation*

(a) Depositary services and registration of treaties

*(i)** Custody of approximately 430 multilateral treaties and related instruments for which the Secretary-General performs depositary functions pursuant to final clauses therein, including processing and sending notification to all Member States or participating Governments and intergovernmental organizations of approximately 2,600 depositary formalities (signatures, ratifications, accessions, successions, acceptances, declarations, reservations); providing information on the status of multilateral treaties to Governments, intergovernmental organizations and others; establishment of authentic texts of multilateral treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General; and establishment of certified true copies of multilateral treaties for Governments and intergovernmental organizations;

(ii) Registration pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter and processing of approximately 5,000 new treaties and international agreements and subsequent actions pertaining to more than 30,000 treaties and international agreements already registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat; issuance of corresponding certificates of registration; and provision of information on the status of registered treaties to individual Governments, intergovernmental organizations and others;

(b) General legal advice and services: provision of legal opinions on all aspects of treaty law and depositary and registration practice to Governments, intergovernmental organizations and others.

2. *Published material*

(a) Recurrent publications: annual: *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General, Status as at 31 December 1993* and *as at 31 December 1994*; monthly bilingual issues: *Statement of Treaties and International Agreements Registered or Filed and Recorded with the Secretariat*; periodic: 86 volumes of the United Nations *Treaty Series*;** and volumes 20 and 21, each in English and French, of the *Cumulative Index* to the United Nations *Treaty Series*;

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

(b) Technical material: maintenance of the United Nations treaty information system database and provision of computerized information on all treaties and international agreements and subsequent actions thereto registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat of the United Nations since 1946, as well as those registered with the Secretariat of the League of Nations during its existence at the request of individual Governments, intergovernmental organizations and others.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.36 The estimate of $4,324,900 would provide for the continuation of 9 Professional and above and 20 General Service posts and the addition of 1 P-2 and 1 General Service (Other level) post; and for temporary assistance requirements ($671,300). The proposed establishment of one P-2 relates to the additional work arising from the enlarged membership of the United Nations and the increased volume of diplomatic activity in treaty matters. Depositary formalities, for instance, are expected to rise in number from 1,800 in the current biennium to 2,600 in 1994-1995. The additional General Service post is required to assist with the creation, verification and maintenance of the UNTIS database. A non-recurrent amount of $670,100 in temporary assistance relates to the proposal to put the text of the United Nations *Treaty Series* on optical disk and to provide on-line access of text and editorial data to Member States and others.

Consultants and experts

7.37 The provision of $54,000 would cover the cost of consultant services in connection with the above-mentioned further computerization of the United Nations *Treaty Series*.

Contractual services

7.38 The estimated requirements of $977,400 relate to the external printing costs of 86 volumes of the United Nations *Treaty Series*, 2 volumes each in English and French of the *Cumulative Index* to the *Treaty Series*, and the external binding of 2 volumes of the *Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary-General* ($949,500); and for acquisition and rental of software necessary to run the *Treaty Series* programme ($27,900). The negative resource growth of $562,200 reflects the lapsing of non-recurrent provisions in 1992-1993.

General operating expenses

7.39 The estimated requirements of $98,100 relate to maintenance of office automation and other data-processing equipment ($91,600), reflecting an increase of $28,800; and to communications ($6,500).

Supplies and materials

7.40 The estimate of $23,600 would cover the cost mainly of office automation supplies in connection with the computerization programme of the *Treaty Series*.

Furniture and equipment

7.41 A provision of $53,600 would be needed for acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

3. PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

TABLE 7.12. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	2 619.0	3 263.4	(1.7)	-	3 261.7	375.2	3 636.9
Travel on official business	4.7	16.3	-	-	16.3	1.5	17.8
Contractual services	229.6	239.0	(116.8)	(48.8)	122.2	9.3	131.5
General operating expenses	25.0	25.0	(2.8)	(11.2)	22.2	1.6	23.8
Supplies and materials	3.9	5.2	1.0	19.2	6.2	0.5	6.7
Furniture and equipment	9.3	16.2	3.9	24.0	20.1	1.8	21.9
Fellowships, grants, contributions	244.4	323.9	-	-	323.9	24.2	348.1
Total, regular budget	**3 135.9**	**3 889.0**	**(116.4)**	**(3.9)**	**3 772.6**	**414.1**	**4 186.7**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Administrative structures	-
-	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-
Total *(a)* -		-
	(b) Substantive activities	
105.0	Trust Fund for Seminar on International Law	-
Total *(b)* **105.0**		-
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(c)* -		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **105.0**		-
	Total costs	**4 186.7**

TABLE 7.13. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Codification Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	**14**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	**21**	**21**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**21**	**21**

Subprogramme 3. Progressive development and codification of international law

7.42 Within the framework of the United Nations Decade of International Law (1990-1999), activities will seek to promote the acceptance of and respect for the principles of international law, the peaceful settlement of disputes between States, the progressive development and codification of international law and its teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation. Emphasis will be placed on the maintenance of international peace and security, including observance of rules of diplomatic and consular law and prevention of international terrorism, and on rules for the conciliation of disputes between States. Draft comments by Governments are expected to be submitted on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property, the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses and the draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind.

7.43 The Secretariat receives guidance from and provides substantive services to the International Law Commission in respect of this subprogramme.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 47/31 of 25 November 1992, of activities undertaken in the framework of the United Nations Decade of International Law by international organizations working in the field of international law.

*2. Parliamentary services**

(a) Parliamentary documentation: 16 reports submitted to the General Assembly on the United Nations Decade of International Law; survey of international law; consular functions; protection of diplomatic and consular missions; prevention of international terrorism; consolidation and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order; observer status of national liberation movements; status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949; rules for the conciliation of disputes; protection of environment in times of armed conflict; the United Nations programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law; and other subjects as requested by the Assembly;

(b) Substantive services: two sessions of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and its working groups; two sessions of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; one session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; and plenipotentiary codification conference that the General Assembly may decide to convene during the biennium in order to consider final drafts adopted by the International Law Commission;

(c) Expert bodies and related preparatory work: substantive servicing of two sessions of the International Law Commission, including preparation of a topical summary and assistance to special rapporteurs in preparing reports or such topics as international criminal jurisdiction; State responsibility; international liability for injurious consequence arising out of acts not prohibited by international law; relations between States and international organizations; the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses; and the draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind.

*3. Published materials***

(a) Five volumes (1992, 1993) of recurrent publications: annual: two editions of the *Juridical Yearbook*; periodic: volumes 22 and 23 of the *Legislative Series* and volume XXI of *United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards*;

(b) Non-recurrent: four volumes of the Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Succession of States in respect of States Property, Archives and Debts, Vienna, 1 March-8 April 1983, and the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations 1986.

4. Operational activities

Group training, including seminars and workshops, and fellowships: 32 fellowships and 50 travel grants under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; and 40 fellowships for the Geneva International Law Seminar.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.44 The estimate of $3,261,700 would cover the cost of continuation of 14 Professional and above posts and 7 General Service posts, and of overtime ($5,900).

Travel on official business

7.45 The estimated requirements of $16,300 relate to attendance by staff at meetings and conferences of United Nations organs and other bodies held away from Headquarters and meetings of regional bodies with which the Commission has established formal links.

Contractual services

7.46 The estimated requirements of $122,200 relate to external printing costs of four volumes of the *Juridical Yearbook*, two volumes of the *Legislative Series*, one volume of the *International Arbitral Awards*, and two volumes of the *Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations*. The negative growth of $116,800 reflects the lapsing of non-recurrent provisions in 1992-1993.

General operating expenses

7.47 The estimate of $22,200 would provide for the maintenance of office automation equipment.

Supplies and materials

7.48 An amount of $6,200 is requested for office automation supplies.

Furniture and equipment

7.49 A provision of $20,100 is proposed for the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

Fellowships, grants, contributions

7.50 Requirements of $323,900 are estimated for the cost of travel and stipends for approximately 32 fellowships in connection with the United Nations/UNITAR Fellowship Programme in International Law at Geneva, as well as approximately 50 travel grants to participants from developing countries invited to regional training and refresher courses organized by UNITAR.

4. GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND PROGRAMMES

TABLE 7.14. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	2 054.2	2 706.6	26.0	0.9	2 732.6	311.7	3 044.3
Consultants and experts	22.7	24.1	35.4	146.8	59.5	3.9	63.4
Travel on official business	9.1	9.1	-	-	9.1	0.6	9.7
Contractual services	23.9	26.9	161.3	599.6	188.2	11.1	199.3
General operating expenses	40.4	40.4	(8.8)	(21.7)	31.6	2.6	34.2
Supplies and materials	6.3	8.3	(1.6)	(19.2)	6.7	0.7	7.4
Furniture and equipment	14.4	22.6	22.0	97.3	44.6	3.3	47.9
Total, regular budget	**2 171.0**	**2 838.0**	**234.3**	**8.2**	**3 072.3**	**333.9**	**3 406.3**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
1 574.6	*(a)* Services in support of: (i) Administrative structures	1 608.5
-	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-
Total *(a)* **1 574.6**		**1 608.5**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* -		-
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(c)* -		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **1 574.6**		**1 608.5**
	Total costs	**5 014.7**

TABLE 7.15. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: General Legal Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
P-5	4	4	-	-	2	2	6	6
P-4	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-3	2	2	-	-	1	1	3	3
P-2/1	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2
Total	**11**	**11**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**	**17**	**17**
General Service category								
Other levels	5	5	-	-	4	4	9	9
Total	**5**	**5**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**	**9**	**9**
Grand total	**16**	**16**	**-**	**-**	**10**	**10**	**26**	**26**

Subprogramme 4. General legal services to United Nations organs and programmes

7.51 Legal services, including drafting and interpretation of various legal instruments, legal advice, preparation of briefs, clarification of mandates, legal negotiations and representation, will be provided to the Organization and its organs with the object in particular of securing observance of the Organization's administrative law, enforcing its rights and defending it from claims. Emphasis is directed towards provision of legal support to peace-keeping, observer, humanitarian, good offices and similar missions undertaken by the Organization.

Activities

International cooperation

General legal advice and services: legal advice and assistance with regard to agreements, contracts, leases, insurance, copyright and taxation; minimizing claims against the United Nations and protecting its legal rights, including representation in judicial and arbitral proceedings; assistance in the development of the administrative law of the United Nations and legal advice with regard to questions relating thereto, including financial, personnel and pension matters; representing the Secretary-General in cases brought under the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and provision of legal services with respect to cases before the Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements; and other general legal services to United Nations deliberative and operational bodies and secretariats.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.52 The estimate of $2,732,600 would cover the cost of the continuation of 11 Professional and above posts and 5 General Service posts; temporary assistance of additional lawyers during times of peak workload, especially in cases of unforeseen mandates entrusted by the Security Council or the General Assembly to the Secretariat ($26,000); and overtime ($5,500).

Consultants and experts

7.53 The resources requested ($59,500), reflecting a growth of $35,400, relate to the cost of outside counsel required in connection with activities for which special expertise is not available in the Secretariat, such as interpretation of local laws, contracts and leases, and for highly technical subjects or legal opinions on specialized financial matters.

Travel on official business

7.54 It is estimated that a provision of $9,100 would be required for consultations with officers at other duty stations, for negotiation and preparation of claims and agreements, and representation at proceedings, provision of legal support to United Nations conferences, bodies and secretariats, and representation of the Secretary-General before the United Nations Administrative Tribunal at its sessions at Geneva.

Contractual services

7.55 The requested provision of $188,200, involving a proposed increase of $161,300, relates to the development of a legal research database of precedents and constitutional and legislative texts used in the course of preparing legal opinions and other legal documents, of which $61,300 would be on a non-recurrent basis; and to subscription and usage fees in connection with the WESTLAW and LEXIS database services, which provide access to domestic and international law materials and the judgements of the Administrative Tribunal ($126,900).

General operating expenses

7.56 The estimate of $31,600 would cover the cost of communications ($9,000) and of maintenance of office automation equipment ($22,600).

Supplies and materials

7.57 It is estimated that a provision of $6,700 would be required for data-processing supplies.

Furniture and equipment

7.58 The estimated requirements of $44,600, reflecting an increase of $22,000, relate to acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

5. PROGRESSIVE HARMONIZATION AND UNIFICATION OF THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

TABLE 7.16. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 932.6	2 654.3	(5.7)	(0.2)	2 648.6	276.8	2 925.4
Consultants and experts	96.7	104.2	1.8	1.7	106.0	6.1	112.1
Travel on official business	43.8	56.4	9.8	17.3	66.2	3.9	70.1
Furniture and equipment	21.7	36.6	25.1	68.5	61.7	2.9	64.6
Total, regular budget	**2 094.8**	**2 851.5**	**31.0**	**1.0**	**2 882.5**	**289.7**	**3 172.2**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Administrative structures	-
-	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-
Total *(a)* -		-
	(b) Substantive activities	
	United Nations Commission on International	
190.0	Trade Law symposia	195.0
Total *(b)* **190.0**		**195.0**
	(c) Operational projects	
186.0	Bilateral source	186.0
Total *(c)* **186.0**		**186.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **376.0**		**381.0**
	Total costs	**3 553.2**

TABLE 7.17. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: International Trade Law Branch

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-3	3	3	-	-	1	1	4	4
Total	**10**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**1**	**11**	**11**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	**17**	**17**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**1**	**18**	**18**

Subprogramme 5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade

7.59 Legal texts for the unification and harmonization of international trade will continue to be prepared. Future projects will focus on the increasing use of electronic data interchange in commercial activities and on the special needs of developing countries. The legal texts prepared by UNCITRAL will be promoted through training and assistance activities. The Secretariat receives guidance from and provides substantive services to UNCITRAL in respect of this subprogramme.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Promotion of legal instruments: collections of decisions of national courts and arbitration tribunals interpreting the texts prepared by the Commission and dissemination of the information.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation: 24 reports to UNCITRAL: training and assistance (annual); status of conventions (annual); coordination of activities of international organizations (annual); bibliography of writings related to UNCITRAL (annual); four reports to be determined within the mandate of the Commission; up to four reports to the Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange; up to four reports to the Working Group on International Contract Practices; and up to four reports to the Working Group on the New International Economic Order;

(b) Substantive services: two sessions of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly; two sessions of UNCITRAL; four sessions of the Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange; four sessions of the Working Group on International Contract Practices; and four sessions of the Working Group on the New International Economic Order;

(c) Expert groups and related preparatory work: two meetings of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Electronic Data Interchange on unresolved legal issues in the law relating to electronic data interchange; two meetings of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on International Contract Practices on unresolved legal issues in international contract practices; two meetings of

the Ad Hoc Expert Group on the New International Economic Order on legal issues in international trade law of special interest to developing countries.

3. Published material

(a) Two volumes of recurrent publications: annual: volumes 24 and 25 of the *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*;

(b) Five non-recurrent publications: register of texts of conventions and other instruments (vol. III, 1994); book on UNCITRAL, second edition; guide on international trade law (1995); booklet on procurement (model law); and booklet on uniform law on guarantee letters.

4. Information materials and services

Guided tours, lectures and seminars, approximately 6 times a year; public lectures on the work of the Commission, given independently or as part of programmes organized by other professional, non-governmental or intergovernmental bodies, approximately 12 times a year.

5. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services to Member States on possible incorporation of UNCITRAL texts in national legislation;

(b) Group training, including seminars and workshops, and fellowships; two regional seminars and one symposium on international trade law.

6. Conference services

Library services: maintenance of the UNCITRAL Law Library.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.60 The estimate of $2,648,600 would cover the cost of continuing 10 Professional and above posts and 7 General Service posts, and of overtime requirements ($7,900).

Consultants and experts

7.61 The provision of $106,000 relates to the services of consultants and experts in connection with the preparation of two reports to UNCITRAL in the area of arbitral proceedings and electronic data interchange in maritime carriage of goods; with the regional promotional seminars on international trade law; and with the promotion of the adoption of UNCITRAL texts by Governments ($38,100); as well as to the convening of four meetings of an ad hoc study group on the legal implications of the new international economic order ($67,900).

Travel on official business

7.62 It is estimated that a provision of $66,200 would be required for travel of staff to attend meetings of other organizations that relate directly to the work of UNCITRAL as the core legal body in the coordination of the work of other organizations in the field of international trade law; and to attend regional seminars to provide substantive support; and for travel in connection with the promotion of the adoption of UNCITRAL texts by national legislation.

Furniture and equipment

7.63 The estimate of $61,700, reflecting growth of $25,100, would cover the cost of acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

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TABLE 7.18. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	5 154.0	6 671.6	(35.6)	(0.5)	6 636.0	1 182.6	7 818.6
Consultants and experts	244.7	314.4	(33.4)	(10.6)	281.0	23.7	304.7
Travel on official business	232.8	431.1	(65.5)	(15.1)	365.6	30.4	396.0
Contractual services	80.2	80.3	(4.0)	(4.9)	76.3	5.8	82.1
General operating expenses	692.4	869.3	(90.9)	(10.4)	778.4	77.4	855.8
Supplies and materials	12.8	33.4	9.0	26.9	42.4	16.3	58.7
Furniture and equipment	37.5	37.3	263.1	705.3	300.4	44.6	345.0
Total, regular budget	**6 454.4**	**8 437.4**	**42.7**	**0.5**	**8 480.1**	**1 380.8**	**9 860.9**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Administrative structures	-
-	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-
Total *(a)* -		-
	(b) Substantive activities	
	Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law - The Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship	
42.0		42.0
Total *(b)* 42.0		42.0
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(c)* -		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* 42.0		42.0
	Total costs	**9 902.9**

TABLE 7.19. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-5	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
P-4	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-3	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
P-2/1	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total	**27**	**27**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**27**	**27**
General Service category								
Other levels	14	14	-	-	-	-	14	14
Total	**14**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**
Other categories								
Local level	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
Total	**13**	**13**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13**	**13**
Grand total	**54**	**54**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**54**	**54**

Overview

7.64 The programme of activities included in this section follows the strategy in programme 10 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1), as an integrated approach by the Organization to ocean affairs and the law of the sea.

7.65 It is expected that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will enter into force during the biennium 1994-1995 and the focus of activities will be on the provision of information, advice and assistance to States in order to promote the wider acceptance of the Convention and its uniform and consistent application. During the biennium, emphasis will be placed on assisting States in implementing the Convention to their full benefit through the strengthening of their legal, economic, managerial, scientific and technological capabilities.

7.66 Activities relating to ocean policy development and integrated ocean management will focus on global approaches that can be adapted regionally and nationally, and on training at the national, regional and international levels. The programme of work will take account of and promote follow-up to Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, particularly its chapter 17, Protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources.

Subprogramme 1. Promoting uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and providing advice and information to States

7.67 Member States will be assisted to understand better the Convention and to foster its uniform interpretation and consistent application. Important aspects of the Convention will be analysed in the context of relevant provisions, the preparatory work and documentation of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. Widespread acceptance and rational implementation of the new legal regime for the oceans will be promoted through advisory services and the dissemination of information on national, regional and international developments in ocean affairs.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) Depositary services: receiving from States and recording, as required by the Convention, charts and lists of coordinates establishing baselines and limits of maritime zones; and review and analysis of alternative forms of presentation of such material;

(b) Promotion of legal instruments: supporting efforts by the Organization to promote the universal acceptance of the Convention, through, among other means, the preparation of information notes for Member States and substantive support for consultations.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation:* four reports to the General Assembly, two reports on general issues with respect to the Convention and two dealing with specialized aspects.

3. Published material

(a) Thirteen issues of recurrent publications: annual: two issues of the series, *Law of the Sea Studies: Recent Trends and Developments*; two issues of the *Bibliography of the Law of the Sea*; six issues of the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*;* periodic: two issues of *Analytical Studies on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*; one issue of the *Practice of States*;

(b) One non-recurrent publication: booklet on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

(c) Technical material: provision of specialized data and information services in computer-generated formats on national legislation and country profiles in the law of the sea context; periodic newsletters on current developments; and information notes on charts and geographical coordinates for establishing baselines and the limits of maritime zones.

4. Information materials and services

Provision of promotional and educational material on the Convention and support for activities of United Nations bodies, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions for the purpose of promoting the Convention.

5. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services: eight advisory service missions and special studies;

(b) Two fellowships: Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea.

6. Conference services

Library services: maintaining and developing the specialized reference collection on the law of the sea and the bibliographic database.

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* High priority.

Subprogramme 2. Assisting marine policy development and integrated ocean management by States in the context of the comprehensive ocean regime

7.68 Member States will be assisted in integrated marine policy-making, planning and management for the optimum utilization of coastal and marine resources consistent with the concept of sustainable development within the context of the new international regime for the oceans. Taking account of extended marine areas under national jurisdiction and the need to incorporate the marine sector into national development, assistance will be directed to strengthening institutional, technological and information/data infrastructures and to developing trained human resources so that States may more effectively develop and implement integrated programmes for the marine sector addressing the financial, economic, managerial, scientific, technological and environmental dimensions involved.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Eight expert group meetings: one session of a subsidiary body of UNESCO/IOC; two sessions of the Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution and one session of one of its working groups; fifth session of the Guiding Group of Experts on Ocean Science in Relation to Non-living Resources (United Nations/IOC); two sessions of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts Advisory Board (United Nations/IOC/FAO/UNEP); one expert group meeting on policy, planning and management for the sustainable development of ocean resources in the context of the international ocean regime.

2. Published material

(a) Two issues of recurrent publications: one issue of the series *Marine policy, planning and management: global and regional studies*; and one handbook on marine policy, planning and management for the sustainable development of ocean resources in the context of the international ocean regime;

(b) One non-recurrent publication: review of activities of public and private entities in seabed mineral development;

(c) Technical material: abstracts for the inter-agency monthly publication *Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts*; two substantive reviews and reports covering marine policy issues and planning and management implications for Member States in exercising their rights and fulfilling their obligations under the new legal regime; and provision of specialized data and information services relating to the technical aspects of marine policy-making, planning and management.

3. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services: upon request, advice and assistance, including missions as required, regarding marine policy-making, planning and management and the infrastructure needed therefor, including human resources, science and technology and institutional arrangements;

(b) Training: two training courses in ocean management, marine policy and programme development, rational implementation of the Convention and specialized aspects such as sea-use planning, economic potential and resource assessment;*

(c) Field projects: project support in cooperation with funding agencies and in joint activities with other international organizations and institutions.

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* High priority.

Subprogramme 3. Support to organizations within the United Nations system and harmonization of marine affairs activities in the context of the Convention

7.69 Support will be provided to the organizations of the United Nations system with a view to securing consistency in their marine-related activities under the legal regime established by the Convention and to promoting a concerted approach to the application and implementation of the Convention, especially in the formulation of legal instruments and marine-related programmes in specialized sectors.

Activities

1. Published material

Two recurrent publications: annual: selected documents related to the law of the sea emanating from organizations active in the marine sector: periodic review.**

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) High-level inter-agency consultative meeting on developments relating to the Convention and circulation of a report on the results;

(b) Inter-organizational cooperation and exchange of information on substantive activities within the United Nations system within the frameworks of the Inter-secretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes Relating to Oceanography and the Commission on Sustainable Development in relation to the follow-up to Agenda 21, particularly its chapter 17, Protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources, in order to achieve a cohesive approach to the Convention, including collaborative endeavours with the regional commissions, specialized agencies and other organizations in such areas as shipping and navigation (IMO, UNCTAD); navigational safety, offshore platforms (IMO); marine pollution (IMO, IAEA, UNESCO/IOC, UNEP); maritime labour (ILO), marine scientific research (IOC); marine technology transfer (UNIDO, UNESCO/IOC); marine living resources (FAO); and marine non-living resources (IOC).

Subprogramme 4. Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and support to the future Authority and Tribunal

7.70 Secretariat services will continue to be provided to the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea as long as it remains in existence. The necessary measures will be completed to ensure the entry into effective operation of the Authority and the Tribunal, and the necessary arrangements made for the commencement of their functions. Upon entry into force of the Convention, support will be provided, as required, to the future Authority and Tribunal.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Substantive services: two sessions of the Preparatory Commission; two sessions of the General Committee/Training Panel/Group of Technical Experts of the Preparatory Commission; upon entry into force of the Convention, substantive

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** Low priority.

support in the preparation of the final reports of the Preparatory Commission to the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority and the meeting of States parties to the Convention for the establishment of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, convening the first Assembly of the Authority, support in the establishment of the secretariat of the Authority, substantive support, as required, to that secretariat, convening the meeting of States parties to the Convention for the establishment of the Tribunal, support in the establishment of the Registry of the Tribunal, and substantive support, as required, to the Registry of the Tribunal.

2. *Published material*

(a) Six issues of recurrent publications: documentation of the Preparatory Commission: periodic;

(b) Technical material: provision of specialized data and information services in computer-generated formats on polymetallic nodules, and supply/demand/price of metals contained in polymetallic nodules.

3. *Conference services*

Library services: maintaining and developing the specialized reference collection on the international seabed area and its resources, and the bibliographic database.

4. *Administrative support services*

Administrative support services for the Kingston Office for the Law of the Sea, including parliamentary services for the Preparatory Commission, human resource management for the Office, financial accounting and reporting for the Office, and general services.

Subprogramme 5. Servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf established by the Convention and other intergovernmental bodies, and execution of additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention

7.71 The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea establishes a number of additional functions for the Secretary-General that are likely to be required during the biennium. These include preparing for the establishment of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf by preparing draft rules of procedure for the Commission, formulating background materials, reviewing applicable scientific and technical data involving specialized marine geological, geophysical, bathymetric and sedimentological criteria; and, thereafter, convening and servicing the Commission and necessary meetings of States parties presenting reports on issues of a general nature that have arisen with respect to the Convention and fulfilling notifications and related requirements under the Convention.

Activities

1. *Parliamentary services*

Substantive services: Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf: review of appropriate formats for cartographic representation and presentation of geodetic data submitted by States on the limits of their continental shelf, as required under the Convention; review of uniform format and data elements for presentation of sedimentation, bathymetric and distance criteria as required by the Convention; consultations with Governments with regard to the establishment of the Commission; preparatory work for convening the Commission, including sending invitations to States for nominations of members of the Commission; and convening, as required, of a meeting of States parties for the purpose of the establishment of the Commission.

2. *Published material*

Two non-recurrent publications: review and analysis of the required sedimentation, bathymetric and distance data for the definition of the continental shelf; and legislative history of the provisions of the Convention related to the continental shelf.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

7.72 The estimated requirements of $6,636,000 relate to the continuation of 27 Professional and above, 14 General Service (Other level) and 13 Local level posts; and to temporary assistance for meetings ($39,400), which relates to meetings of the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority.

Consultants and experts

7.73 The provisions of $281,000, involving a negative growth of $33,400, for consultants and experts relate to expert assistance needed in connection with the preparation of reports to the General Assembly on specialized aspects of the Convention; of studies and advisory services on the legal and administrative implications of implementing the Convention; a handbook on marine policy, planning and management for the sustainable development of ocean resources; the maintenance and development of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System and its Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts component; the development of a database on country profiles in the marine context; of training materials for courses in sea-use planning; the development of a geologic database on the International Seabed Authority's reserved area based on data provided by the registered pioneer investors; a format for cartographic representation with geodetic data of the limits of the continental shelf of a coastal State and formulating guidelines for the presentation of the sedimentological and bathymetric data; participation of two United Nations designated experts to sessions of the Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution and its working group, and two United Nations designated experts to a session of the Guiding Group of Experts on Ocean Science in Relation to Non-living Resources; and for a meeting of an *ad hoc* group of experts in specialized technical fields of ocean affairs and the law of the sea ($65,100). The negative growth is attributable to the holding of only one meeting of experts instead of two as in the past biennium.

Travel on official business

7.74 The estimated requirements of $365,600, reflecting a negative growth of $65,500, relate to travel of staff from various offices, including the Office of General Services, the Department of Public Information and the Office of Legal Affairs, to service the sessions of the Preparatory Commission ($271,900); and travel of staff in connection with the promotion of the Convention and its uniform and consistent implementation; substantive servicing of expert groups and participation in inter-agency activities, including those relating to Agenda 21 ($79,000), and to travel of representatives of national liberation movements recognized by OAU to attend meetings of the Preparatory Commission ($14,700). The negative growth is related to the shortened sessions of the Preparatory Commission.

Contractual services

7.75 The provision of $76,300 would meet the cost of printing a handbook and other studies.

General operating expenses

7.76 The estimate of $778,400, reflecting a negative growth of $90,900, relates to operating costs payable by the United Nations to the Government of Jamaica for the use of the conference centre complex and office premises at Kingston for one session of the Preparatory Commission each year ($561,800); local transportation during meetings of the Preparatory Commission ($16,000); office automation equipment in the New York Office ($139,200); communications ($27,200); miscellaneous services ($28,200); and official functions ($6,000).

Supplies and materials

7.77 The provision of $42,400 would cover stationery and other office supplies in the Kingston Office and library books for the maintenance of the law of the sea reference collections in the New York and Kingston Offices. These collections are central sources of information for Member States, universities, legal practitioners and others.

Furniture and equipment

7.78 The requested amount of $300,400 would cover the cost of acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment in the New York Office and for other office furniture and equipment for the Kingston Office.